

Veterinary Medicine

August 13, 2003

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2003, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Eugene T. Maddox, DVM, President
Hugh Hill, DVM
Jim Brett, DVM
Needham Bateman, DVM

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary
Dominick Crea, Board Attorney
Jan Hines, DVM

President Maddox established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:33 a.m.

A motion was made by Dr. Brett to approve the **minutes** from the July 2, 2003 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was **approved** by the Board.

The Board reviewed a list of new licensee candidates receiving licenses between May 27, 2003 and July 18, 2003. A motion was made by Dr. Hill to **ratify** the following new licensee candidates:

- Veterinary candidate license #VET006929 through #VET006968 (See attachment 1)
- Veterinary Faculty candidate license #VETF000404 through VETF000417 (See attachment 2)
- Veterinary Technician candidate license #VETT000397 through #VETT000399 through VETT000400 (See attachment 3)

The motion was seconded by Dr. Brett and was **approved** by the Board.

Compliance Reports: The Board reviewed compliance reports on:

- Don Howard, DVM as **informational only**; and
- Emmett Ashley, DVM and requested that Dr. Ashley be notified that he has not met the terms of the consent order regarding supervision and remind him of the continuing education requirements that are required in the consent order.

Patrice Holt-Dunn, DVM: The Board reviewed an e-mail from Dr. Holt-Dunn and requested that a response be sent to Dr. Holt-Dunn referring to State Law 31-19-5 and also to contact the county Board of Health who for local ordinances regarding rabies control in their jurisdiction.

Rule 700-15 Corporate Owned Practice: A motion was made by Dr Brett to **post** Rule 700-15 Corporate Owned Practice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was **approved** by the Board. (See Attachment #4)

Rule 700-2 Examination: A motion was made by Dr. Brett to post Rule 700-2 Examination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was **approved** by the Board. (See Attachment #5)

Rule 700-6 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians: A motion was made by Dr. Brett to **post** Rule 700-6. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was **approved** by the Board. (Attachment #6)

Rule 700-11 Inactive Status: A motion was made by Dr. Brett to post Rule 700-11 Inactive Status. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board. (Attachment #7)

Rule 700-14 Scope of Practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians: A motion was made by Dr. Brett to post Rule 700-14 Practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board. (Attachment #8)

Rule 700-7 Continuing Veterinary Education: A motion was made by Dr. Brett to post Rule 700-7 Continuing Veterinary Education as amended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board. (Attachment #9)

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), and 43-50-27(a)(6).

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21(a)(7), and 43-50-27(a)(6) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

Study Material for Veterinary Technician Exam: The Board reviewed the Information For Candidates on the Veterinary Technician National Examination prepared by Professional Examination Service. A motion was made by Dr. Brett to approve the study material. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board.

Other Business:

- **Susan Little, DVM:** The Board reviewed information received from Dr. Little regarding the Parasite Control Product Education Program. A motion was made by Dr. Brett to approve the program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board.

- **Board Policy regarding Guidelines for the Request of Records/and or Written Prescription to be Released:** The Board reviewed the proposed policy and requested this to be tabled pending revisions.
- **2004 Meeting Schedule:** The Board reviewed the 2004 meeting schedule and requested the consideration of the schedule to be tabled until the October meeting.

Dr. Brett made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bateman and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Maddox and Dr. Hill. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Compliance Report: The Board reviewed a compliance report on M.F. as **informational only**.

J.C.K., DVM: The Board reviewed an application for licensure submitted by J.C.K., DVM. A **recommendation** was made by Dr. Maddox to **table** the application for licensure and request a notarized statement from the applicant.

C.S.: The Board reviewed an application for licensure submitted by C.S. A **recommendation** was made by Dr. Maddox to **approve** the application for licensure.

V.M.G.: The Board reviewed an application for licensure submitted by V.M.G. A **recommendation** was made by Dr. Maddox to **approve** the application for licensure.

Rabies Vaccine: The Board made a public policy statement concerning the administration of rabies vaccine as follows:

- Based upon public health concerns, the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine considers the administration of rabies vaccine in Georgia as the practice of veterinary medicine. Therefore, the Board finds that this practice cannot be delegated to an employee and the vaccine must be administered only by a Georgia licensed Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

A motion was made by Dr. Hill to **approve** the above recommendations regarding applications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brett and was **approved** by the Board.

REPORTS:

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement

- Reported on 1 case

Eugene Maddox, Cognizant Member

Reported on the following cases:

- VET01200008 Recommendation to notify complainant that Board

- VET01200053 upholds prior decision regarding case.
Recommendation to close with letter of concern regarding rabies vaccine can only be given by a licensed DVM.
- Cathy Ditty Recommendation to accepted signed Cease & Desist Order.
- VET030092 Recommendation to close with letter of concern regarding better post treatment and medication follow-up needed.
- VET030093 Recommendation to close the case.
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- VET030095 Recommendation to close with a letter of concern regarding the need for better communication with owner and insure that tail docking standards for specific breeds are followed.
- VET030096 Recommendation to close with a letter of concern regarding security measures for controlled drugs being in place.
- VET030097 Recommendation to close with a letter of concern regarding the need for better communication with the owner regarding patient's dietary changes.
- VET030098 Recommendation to close with a letter of concern regarding the need for better communication with the owner.

A motion was made by Dr. Hill to **accept** the recommendations made by Dr. Maddox regarding the above referenced cases. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brett and was **approved** by the Board.

Dominick Crea, Board Attorney

- Reported on 2 cases

Anita Martin, Executive Director

- Will submit article on rabies information, Vet Tech registration information and release of prescription information to the Georgia Veterinary Medical Association for the next newsletter.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brett made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hill and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M.